BATH

Boston, Oct. 30th 1849.

Dear Brother:

Your letter was received in due time and I improve this opportunity to reply. I had before heard of your illness and had already learned that you were better. I am very sorry that you have had the misfortune to be sick; but I hope the lessons we are thus taught by Divine Providence will not be lost upon you. These seasons of affliction are necessary for our well being here and are like the "refiner's fire" in preparing us for the enjoyments of Heaven. It was an illness of the same kind that first brought me to feel the necessity of a saving interest in the sacrafice made on Calvary, and I have great reason to bless the hand that thus laid me on a bed of painful disease. All these trials are really blessings and should be received with thankfulness.

Your course of study seems to be broken up and you seem to have some forbodings

about going on. I hardly know what advice to give you on this point, but if study does not agree with your health I would give it up. I have often thought that a more active life would be better for you, but I dont imagine the Shoemaker's trade will mend the matter much. If you wish to lead a professional life I would advise you to go to studying medicine with Dr. Gaines; but if you want business, come here to the city, where there is a chance to rise by eminence and usefulness. I think could get you a place within a few months where you could earn your living the first year & have your salary continually increasing. If you have given up going to college & do not wish to study medicine I think this altogether the best way. Think it over & see if you will not do it. Doubtless you talk about the Shoemaker's trade was more joking, but if you were serious about it, pray don't settle down in that kind of a life, but get something more congenial with your health and which will give you prospect

of more "tin." A shoemaker hardly ever gets rich.

I am getting on well in school. I enjoy it finely. — The lectures before the "Lowell Institute" have already commenced & those before the "Mercantile Library" commence Nov. 14th. The "Flying Machine" is to be exhibited in the Public Garden on Wednesday if the weather is clear. Don't much think I shall attend, as I have agreed to go to Dorchester Heights on that day.

Salon teaches in Pawlet Vt. the coming winter for $20 per month.

It is nearly School time & I must close. Love to Father & Mother.

Yours affectionately.

Summer.

P. S. Father's letter is just received — all safe.

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Solon